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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re:

Chapter 11

286 Rider Ave Acquisition LLC

Case No. 21-11298-- (LGB)

Debtor.

OMNIBUS SUR-REPLY TO NOMINAL DEBTOR'S AND LENDER'S MOTIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION

286 Rider Ave Development LLC ("<u>Development</u>"), by and through its undersigned counsel Mayer Brown LLP and Offit Kurman, P.A., hereby submits this Omnibus Sur-Reply (the "<u>Sur-Reply</u>") in response to nominal *Debtor's and Lee. E. Buchwald's Reply to 286 Rider Ave Development LLC's Omnibus Response to Motion to Reconsider Portion of Court's February 11, 2022 Order Regarding 286 Rider Ave Development, LLC's Motion to Confirm Disputed Pay-Off*

Amounts, Satisfaction of DIP Loan, and for Related Relief and Supplement to Same [ECF No. 329] (the "Debtor Reply") and the Reply of Be-Aviv 286 Rider LLC in Support of its Motion, Under Rule 7052 and 9023 Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, and Local Bankruptcy Rule 9023-1, for Relief From and to Reconsider the Court's February 11, 2022 Order [ECF No. 327] (the "Lender Reply" and, together with the nominal Debtor Motion, the "Reply Briefs") and in support thereof states as follows:

SUR-REPLY

1. Development's *Omnibus Response to Nominal Debtor's and Lender's Motions for Reconsideration* [ECF No 325] (the "Omnibus Response") lays out the merits of why the Motions to Reconsider should be denied. The Reply Briefs ignore the clear record in front of this Court when rehashing their old arguments for at least the third or fourth time, misstate certain facts and law, and then go further to seek extraordinary relief that has either been rejected already or that is not properly raised in a reply brief supporting a motion to reconsider. As discussed below, Development will be filing a motion on shortened notice for a determination, amongst other things, that the automatic stay is inapplicable and/or for relief from stay, to preserve the Property and status quo pending disposition of the case, at which time the issues can be fully discussed on a complete record. The within sur-reply is filed to address the misstatements of fact and law, and in opposition of the Debtor's attempt to seek relief as part of its reply, without motion, contrary to binding Second Circuit precedent, which requires notice and opportunity to be heard (whether relief is *sua sponte* or otherwise). *Acosta v. Artuz*, 221 F.3d 117, 121 (2d Cir. 2000) (quoting *Lugo v. Keane*, 15 F.3d 29, 30 (2d Cir. 1994)).

¹ Capitalized terms used but not defined herein have the meanings given in the Omnibus Response.

A. Sur-Reply Concerning Lender Reply

- 2. Lender Misstates the Law: The Lender improperly seeks to avoid accounting for its claim, in contravention of long established bankruptcy law and claims it does not need to document its fees and expense. Here it is well within the Court's power to make a determination with respect to an accounting, in particular given that such a determination is essential to bring about what everybody agrees (or purports to agree) is the desired outcome - an end to this bankruptcy case. The Lender misstates the law, citing to a footnote of a decision discussing reconsideration under local district court rules inapplicable here. Specifically, the cases Lender cites concerning the need to identify matters overlooked by the court that were previously presented to it generally apply the District Court's Local Civil Rule 6.3, which does not apply to this proceeding. See Eisemann v. Greene, 204 F.3d 393, 395 n.2 (2d Cir. 2000) ("Local Rule 6.3 provides in relevant part: 'There shall be served with the notice of motion a memorandum setting forth concisely the matters or controlling decisions which counsel believes the court has overlooked.' To be entitled to reargument, a party 'must demonstrate that the Court overlooked controlling decisions or factual matters that were put before it on the underlying motion." Shamis v. Ambassador Factors Corp., 187 F.R.D. 148, 151 (S.D.N.Y.1999).").
- 3. In contrast, as courts have made clear, for Bankruptcy Rule 9023 purposes, "manifest injustice exists when a '[decision] is wholly without legal support' and the error is obvious to all who view it." *In re Ampal-Am. Israel Corp.*, No. 12-13689 (SMB), 2020 WL 5242956, at *2 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Sept. 1, 2020) (citations omitted). Clearly, Lender has not set forth evidence to support such an extraordinary showing. Similarly, Bankruptcy Rule 9023 therefore "may not be used to relitigate the same matters already determined by the court." *In re Motors Liquidation Co.*, 534 B.R. 538, 545 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2015). The Lender Reply presents

only matters that were already litigated and decided by this Court, and there is no legal error (let alone an obvious one) in the February 11 Order, which simply directs relief, as this Court has previously discussed at the hearing on March 2, 2022, that is common and within long established jurisdiction of the Bankruptcy Court. Indeed, as the Court provided, an accounting is "certainly within my power, as a judge" and that, after such accounting, the Lender's remaining claim could be "zero" or "a negative." Mar. 2, 2022 Hr'g Tr. 34:12-17; 56:7-10. In fact, without determining whether the amounts received by Lender to date were appropriate, it is impossible to determine whether the Lender has been overpaid, or whether additional amounts re owned.

- 4. Furthermore, the Lender misstates the law with respect to the Court's jurisdiction to order the Lender to return funds to Development. As discussed above, in the Omnibus Response, and at numerous prior hearings, this Court has the authority to evaluate Lender's fees under, *inter alia*, Section 506 of the Bankruptcy Code. Even if such determination was not within the Court's core jurisdiction (it plainly is), at an absolute minimum, this Court has either "related to" or "supplemental" jurisdiction to enter such order. *See, e.g., In re Ditech Holding Corp.*, No. 19-10412 (JLG), 2021 WL 5225840, at *7 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Nov. 9, 2021) (noting that bankruptcy court has supplemental jurisdiction where core and non-core "claims derive from the same operative facts, are part of the same controversy, and ordinarily would be tried together in state court").
- 5. Further, the Lender squarely placed the issue of its prepetition and postpetition fees and expenses within the Court's jurisdiction by actively participating in (and orchestrating) the subject bankruptcy case, asserting claims for payment of such, and seeking approval thereby in connection with the DIP financing facility. The Final DIP Order also noted that the "Court retains jurisdiction with respect to *all matters* arising from *or related to* the implementation of this Final

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Order," *see* Final Dip Order ¶ 30 (emphasis added) and that the Court specifically "retain[ed] the jurisdiction to resolve *any dispute* as to the reasonableness of any such fees and expenses" *see* Final DIP Order ¶ 26 (emphasis added). Put simply, there is no real dispute as to this Court's jurisdiction – the Lender is merely trying to avoid the consequence of its actions by any means necessary.

- 6. The Challenge Period: The Lender's arguments with respect to the effect of the Final DIP Order are overwrought and irrelevant. The Lender has failed to meet its heavy burden for reconsideration, there are no new facts or law at issue, nor does the Lender assert, let alone establishing that the February 11 Order is without legal support- a required showing to establish manifest injustice. The Final DIP Order was before the Court as part of the record at the hearing on February 10, 2022, and provides no basis on its face or otherwise to vitiate the Court's powers to review the Lender's fees for reasonableness. In fact, the Court expressly determined that the only limitation under such Order, was to limit Development's right for a review of fees paid from the entry of the Final DIP Order through the date of the payoff of the DIP Loan.
- 7. Voluntary Payment Doctrine: The Lender Reply spills a great deal of ink discussing why it believes reconsideration is proper given that neither the February 11 Order nor the Court's remarks at the February 10 hearing expressly reject the Lender's spurious application of the Voluntary Payment Doctrine. Lender Reply ¶¶ 27, 35-42. However, the Lender fails to point to how the Court's February 11 Order lacks legal support, nor that the inapplicable doctrine provides any safe-harbor for the Lender's specious reargument. Here, the Voluntary Payment

² Moreover, while Development submits such is unnecessary, as the Lender acknowledges (but describes as "pure nonsense"), the Final DIP Order on its face expressly recognizes that the Court the authority to modify the terms of such order. In addition, irrespective, the Final DIP Order did not contain any dollar amounts for the Lender's prepetition claim for legal fees and expenses (which is left blank in such order), accordingly, simply put, the challenge period cannot (and did not) extend to a challenge over unspecified fees – which under the very order - - are subject to a reasonableness determination.

Doctrine was discussed extensively in writing, and Development refuted such arguments at the February 10 hearing. *See* Lender Objection ¶¶ 11-20; Reply to Supplement ¶¶ 20-23; Feb. 10 Hr'g Tr. 9:18-10:9. Development has also already addressed and refuted the Lender's arguments on this point in the Lender Reply, *see* Reply to Supplement ¶¶ 20-23; Omnibus Response ¶¶ 32-36.

- 8. Moreover, it is unsurprising that the Court did not mention the Voluntary Payment Doctrine at the February 10 Hearing—the Lender's counsel didn't either. This likely gave the impression that the Lender had chosen to abandon its argument on that point as without merit.
- 9. In sum, the Lender has failed to meet its heavy burden that the February 11 Order was entered without legal support, in particular, given the lengthy hearings and decision read on the record by the Court after the February 10, 2022 hearing, and given that, at the March 2 hearing, the Lender's counsel discussed such matters at length and, thereafter, the Court reaffirmed the substance of the February 11 Order. *See* Mar. 2, 2022 Hr'g Tr. at 56:11-18, 58:13-24 (Mr. Moldovan discussing voluntary payment doctrine); *Id.* at 58:25 ("THE COURT: I understand."); *Id.* at 41:8-16, 42:10-21, 46:5-13, 47:5-13, 54:4-13 (Mr. Moldovan discussing "challenge period"); March 3 Order [ECF No. 319] (substantially reaffirming February 11 Order, including Development's ability to challenge Lender's fees).

B. <u>Sur-Reply Concerning Nominal Debtor Reply</u>

10. **Debtor's Solvency**: The nominal Debtor also expresses concern that Development argued that it is indisputable that the value of the Debtor's real estate is more than sufficient to support administrative claims, as the Court acknowledged, "[w]ithout citing any transcript," as if that were a relevant point. Debtor Reply \P 3. But in the very next paragraph, the Debtor

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acknowledges that "[a]t the last status conference, the Court expressed the view that the value of the Property would always be sufficient to pay administrative in full." Debtor Reply $\P 4.3$

- 11. **Requests for Extraordinary Relief**: It should go without saying that it is patently improper (to say nothing of wasteful) for the nominal Debtor to request that this Court hold Development in contempt for doing purportedly "hazardous work" at the property and to have the Court enter an injunction against Development with respect to further work in its reply. Initially, proper service of a motion and an appropriate time to respond is required by Rules 9014 and 9020 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure. A reply to a motion filed days before a hearing does not satisfy the Bankruptcy Rules. Development does not waive the requirements of the Rules on its own behalf, and certainly could not do so on behalf of "anyone acting in concert with it."
- 12. On the merits, the specious claims and flimsy hearsay evidence provided by the nominal Debtor does not support entry of a contempt order or injunction. Among other things, the report attached as Exhibit A to the Debtor Reply says "NO VIOLATION WARRANTED FOR COMPLAINT[.]" Debtor Reply Ex. A at p. 2. It is nonsensical of the nominal Debtor to indicate

³ The nominal Debtor once again raises its nonsensical argument that administrative creditors are harmed by the absence of an escrow account holding whatever inflated and baldly false amount of funds they choose to assert. Setting aside the fact that the outstanding fees have been needlessly generated by the Lender and Robinson Brog through their efforts to preclude Development from asserting its legal rights in the Debtor and the Debtor's real estate (and for the sole sake of manufacturing billable hours), the Debtor's argument was already addressed at the March 2 hearing, when the Court noted the practical impossibility of funding an escrow without knowing the amount to fund. Mar. 2, 2022 Hr'g Tr. ("[Y]ou can't have . . . a real dismissal without knowing how much people are owed because . . . how is somebody going to demonstrate that they have the funds to pay something or that the amount of money is 'X' and they'll be able to put up that 'X' without knowing the amount?"). Development can only fund administrative expenses once the amount of such expenses is known, and determined by the Court to be allowable and not just wasteful and false billing.

⁴ The injunction requested is either duplicative of the automatic stay, and therefore would simply be a waste of time and money to entertain, or it is new, broader relief that requires the filing of an adversary proceeding. *See* Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7001(7). Again, Development does not waive the applicable procedural requirements on its own behalf, and cannot do so on behalf of others.

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that the documented *absence* of an ordinance violation in these circumstances could somehow supply evidence of a stay violation.

- 13. In addition, as noted above, Development will be filing a motion on shortened notice for a determination, amongst other things, that the automatic stay is inapplicable and/or for relief from stay, at which time the issues can be fully discussed on a complete and proper record. Moreover, while setting aside the questionable applicability of the automatic stay (in light of, amongst other things, Development as acknowledged 100% equity holder, is seeking to preserve the asset and status quo pending disposition of the case), any work performed on the Debtor's real estate related to asbestos abatement, preserved and protected the property, and benefited the Debtor at no risk to it. Indeed, even the nominal Debtor has repeatedly acknowledged the need to move expeditiously to preserve the 421-a tax abatement from the City of New York that is only available if work commences on the Debtor's real estate. *E.g.*, Bid Procedures Motion [ECF No. 173] p. 4-5 ("The loss of the tax abatement would result in a diminution in the value of the property to the detriment of all parties in interest. Thus, an auction as soon as possible in early January is absolutely critical to preserve value for this estate.").
- 14. Here, as even nominal Debtor has acknowledged, inorder to preserve the tax abatement, it is necessary to commence construction prior to June 2022, which in turn requires that certain environmental remediation and other preparation be undertaken to insure there is an ability to have a footing in the ground before such deadline, which is potentially worth tens of millions of dollars in value. Despite the postponement of the January auction date, the nominal Debtor has taken no steps to preserve the value of its real estate by commencing activities in furtherance of the tax abatement, and has instead sought to prolong the uncertainty by dragging out the pendency of this bankruptcy case—a severe violation of its fiduciary duties to maximize

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value for the benefit of the estate, the creditors, and among others, Development. The steps Development has taken serve only to preserve the availability of the tax abatement and, in doing so, preserve the value of the Debtor's estate.

- 15. Further, notwithstanding the nominal Debtor's patently false assertions, the environmental remediation work was properly permitted, insured, and paid for. Attached hereto as **Exhibit A** are certificates of liability and worker's compensation insurance in the name of the Debtor demonstrating that there is no liability risk to the Debtor's bankruptcy estate from any activities conducted on the premises. Attached hereto as **Exhibit B** are certificates from the New York City Department of Environmental Protection demonstrating that the asbestos abatement on the premises was performed with proper oversight and that, following such abatement, the "entire building is free of asbestos containing material (ACM)." Finally, attached hereto as **Exhibit C** is a final invoice showing payment in full of the asbestos-abatement related charges. Accordingly, there is no conceivable risk to the Debtor, Mr. Buchwald or the estate—on the contrary, the foregoing has only improved the value of the Debtor's real estate at no cost to the Debtor.
- 16. In addition, while unnecessary given the above, as provided in amended and restated engagement agreement between the Debtor and Lee Buchwald, dated July 1, 2021, signed by Ben Harlev, the Debtor committed to fund D&O and liability insurance to Mr. Buchwald up to \$2 million. **Exhibit D.**⁵
- 17. In sum, the nominal Debtor's inability to provide a sound factual basis for these requests further demonstrates exactly why the Bankruptcy Rules require sufficient notice and the opportunity for motion practice and discovery prior to the entry of a contempt order or injunction,

⁵ Development also filed a motion to remove Robinson Brog as counsel by motion dated February 21, 2022. [Doc. No. 299]. While such has not been noticed for hearing, Robinson Brog, nor any other party has filed opposition to such.

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and why there is no basis for this Court to enter such extraordinary relief, whether *sua sponte* or otherwise. Further, even accounting the nominal Debtor's unsubtle invitation for this Court to enter relief *sua sponte*, such relief would still require "**notice and an opportunity to be heard**" if **done on a** *sua sponte* basis on account of the "well-established principle that 'a person is entitled to notice before adverse judicial action is taken against him." *Acosta v. Artuz*, 221 F.3d 117, 121 (2d Cir. 2000) (quoting *Lugo v. Keane*, 15 F.3d 29, 30 (2d Cir. 1994)).

- Robinson Brog, to in effect prevent the 421-a abatement work from being done, are only to the determinant of the Debtor, and as such, any work carried out by Robinson Brog and Mr. Buchwald can only be at their own expense. Development is the acknowledged 100% equity holder, and as such, the only party with the undisputable and unconflicted interest to act to preserve and protect the Property and every residual dollar for the benefit of the estate, unlike Mr. Buchwald and the Lender- controlled and selected professionals who are now conspicuously acting in their self-interest to protect their inflated and questionable fees in an unauthorized case Lender orchestrated for its own benefit.
- Development's remarks in the Omnibus Response concerning Robinson Brog's redaction of time records and ignores the Court's statements on the issue. Development did not "concede that paragraphs 4 and 5 of the February 11 Order already permit" the filing of redacted records. Debtor Reply ¶ 1. Instead, Development only pointed out the *silence* of the Court's order, noting that "[n]othing in the February 11 Order requires any party to file *unredacted* attorney time records," to make the point that a motion to reconsider was not the appropriate means to get the Court's approval for filing redacted documents. Instead, at the March 2 hearing, the Court laid out the

statutorily appropriate procedure for filing redacted documents. See Mar. 2, 2022 Hr'g Tr. 28:17-

29:18 ("So, Mr. Ringel, with respect to your motion . . . if there is something that is truly

attorney/client privilege . . . you can certainly redact your time records. You can file a motion.

You can file the redactions and file a motion to seal, and I'm either going to grant it or I'm not

.... But what I don't want to see is ... a fee application that's a third, a one-half redacted."). If

Robinson Brog wants to act as though the February 11 Order expressly authorizes redactions, so

be it, but that would be contrary to the Court's express directives.

CONCLUSION

20. The Motions to Reconsider remain baseless, and nothing in the Reply Briefs rescues

them. There are no new facts and there is no new law that justifies modifying the February 11

Order. Further, there is no support that the entry of the February 11 Order was wholly without

legal support as required to support a showing of manifest injustice. Nor is the Debtor's request

for extraordinary relief, without motion, or proper notice and hearing permissible.

WHEREFORE Development respectfully requests that the Court deny the Motions to

Reconsider in their entirety and grant such other and further relief as it deems just and proper.

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EXHIBIT A



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CERTIFICATE OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE

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DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required) Certificate Holder is included as an Additional Insured on a primary and non contributory basis for ongoing and completed operations if required per written & executed contract agreement, as respects to GL policy which includes endorsements for Waiver of Subrogation in favor of the Additional Insureds if required in written & executed contract. Site Address: 286 Rider Avenue, Bronx New York 10451

286 Rider Ave Development LLC, 286 Rider Ave Holdings LLC with and address at 679 Driggs Ave Brooklyn NY 11211, Nextek Solutions & Windsor Environmental are included as Additional Insured, as respects to the General Liability coverage, as per written & executed contract

As per terms and conditions of the policy

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286 Rider Ave Acquisition, LLC 679 Driggs Avenue Brooklyn, Ny 11211	SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.
	AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE
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EXHIBIT B



NYC DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Asbestos Control Program

59-17 Junction Boulevard, 8th Floor, Flushing, NY 11373

ASBESTOS PROJECT COMPLETION FORM- ACP21

TRU1553BX21	Build It Back App ID #	
Premise Address 286 Rider Avenue	Borough Bronx	_ Zip <u>10451</u>
DEP Asbestos Control Program is in receipt of the following document (s)		
x Project Monitor's Report	Date:	
A-TR1 form filed by Registered Design Professional	990.	
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Based on the above submitted documentation the Department is issuing the	M. M.	
Project Completion Form (entire project)		
Project Completion Form (partial project)		
(See next page for the list of closed-out location(s) of abatement)		
DEP hereby acknowledges that it has received the above documentation re- Rules (15 RCNY Chapter 1) for the completion of this project. Please note the asbestos project was performed in accordance with the DEP Asbestos Rule This Form is issued based on representations contained in documentation s	hat the issuance of this Fo es or that the building is fre	orm is not a certification that the ee of asbestos containing material.
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ASBESTOS PROJECT COMPLETION FORM- ACP21

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Build It Back App ID #

20,800

Premise Add	ress 286 Rider Avenue	B	Sorough Bronx	Zip <u>1</u>	0451
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ASBESTOS ASSESSMENT REPORT



1. NYC DOB	lob # (if applicable)					Contro	ol Num	ber: 294	11380
2. Premise No	. 286 Street	Name Rider Avenue	-4	Borou	gh Bronx		Zip 1	0451	71000
3. AKA		_ Type of Facility Comme	ercial	BIN 2000954	Block	02333	Lot	0033	_
4. Building Ow	ner Toby Moskovit	s /	Address	597 Driggs	Avenue			0000	_
5. City Brook	lyn, NY	State NY Zip 112	211 Con	act Person To	oby Mosko	vits			
6. Tel. # (71	8) 408-8849	Fax #		Email 1	eizer87@g	mail.co	m		
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8. I, TAYLOR	WEBER	, have cond	ucted an a	sbestos investi	gation on				
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Floor	Surveyed	Contain ACM and/or Sampled	Sample: Analyze	d Present	Assumed ACM	Square Feet	Linear Feet	Abated	
Building Floors-1 to 1	Foyer, Bathrooms, Office, & Warehouse	Black Cove Base + Glue	2	No	No				
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	Foyer, Bathrooms, Office, & Warehouse	Joint Compound	3	No	No			
Building	Foyer, Bathrooms, Office, & Warehouse	Drywall	2	No	No			
Roors-1 to 1 Building Roors-1 to 1	Foyer, Bathrooms, Office, & Warehouse	Blue 12"x12" Floor Tiles	2	No	No			
Building	Foyer, Bathrooms, Office, & Warehouse	Black Mastic Under Floor Tiles	2	No	No			
Building	Foyer, Bathrooms, Office, & Warehouse	Gray Cove Base + Glue	2	No	No			
Building Floors-1 to 1	Foyer, Bathrooms, Office, & Warehouse	Gray Stepping Mat	2	No	No			-
Building Floors-1 to 1	Foyer, Bathrooms, Office, & Warehouse	Black Caulking	2	No	No			-
Building Floors-1 to 1	Foyer, Bathrooms, Office, & Warehouse	Brown Particle Board	2	No	No			
Building	Foyer, Bathrooms, Office, & Warehouse	СМО	2	No	No			
Building Floors-1 to 1	Foyer, Bathrooms, Office, & Warehouse	CMU Mortar	2	No	No			
Building Floors-1 to 1	Foyer, Bathrooms, Office, & Warehouse	White Plaster	3	No	No			
Building Floors-1 to 1	Foyer, Bathrooms, Office, & Warehouse	Yellow Insulation	3	No	No			-
Building Floors-1 to 1	Foyer, Bathrooms, Office, & Warehouse	White 2'x4' Ceiling Tiles	2	No	No			
Building Floors-1 to 1	Foyer, Bathrooms, Office, & Warehouse	Poured Concrete	2	No	No			
Facade-1 to 1	Entire Facade & Windows	Dark Gray/Black Caulking	2	No	No	,		a mark to
Facade-1 to 1	Entire Facade & Windows	Troweled-On Concrete	3	No	No	17		
Facade-1 to 1		Red Brick	2	No	No			
Facade-1 to 1		Brick Mortar	2	No	No		-	

TAYLOR WEBER	3/3/2022	e and complete	7/6/2023		P. C. A. A.
DEP Certified Asbestos Investigator's Signature	Date	Certificate Number	Expiration Date		
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Roof	Entire Roof & Mechanical Equipment/Exhaust	Built-Up Roofing Material (Layer 1)	2	No	No			
Roof	Entire Roof & Mechanical Equipment/Exhaust	Built-Up Roofing Material (Layer 2)	2	No	No			
Roof	Entire Roof & Mechanical Equipment/Exhaust	Black Tar/Mastic (Layer 3) [TRU1553BX21]	2	Yes	No	20730	Yes	d
Roof	Entire Roof & Mechanical Equipment/Exhaust	Brown Insulation Fill (Layer 4)	2	No	No			
Roof	Entire Roof & Mechanical Equipment/Exhaust	Black Glue Under Insulation (Layer 5)	2	No	No			
Roof	Entire Roof & Mechanical Equipment/Exhaust	Black Tar [TRU1553BX21]	2	Yes	No	30	Yes	d
Roof	Entire Roof & Mechanical Equipment/Exhaust	Pitch Pockets [TRU1553BX21]	2	Yes	No	40	Yes	d
Roof	Entire Roof & Mechanical Equipment/Exhaust	White/Clear Caulking	2	No	No			

10. ANALYTICAL LABORATORY:

NAME	ELAP # (NYS DOH CERTIFICATION)	DATE(S) SAMPLES ANALYZED
ALAC Analytical Labs	11605	6/4/2019
ATC Group Services, LLC	10879	6/4/2019
ALLAB	12118	3/2/2022

11. NYS DOL Asbestos Handling license	# 171272	Company Name	Crown Enviro	onmental, LLC	
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EXHIBIT C



Windsor Environmental 1909 Avenue K Brooklyn, NY 11230 US (347) 394-4411 office@windsorenvironmental.com Invoice

BILL TO

286 Rider Ave Developement LLC 679 Driggs Ave Brooklyn NY 11211

INVOICE #	DATE	TOTAL DUE	DUE DATE	TERMS	ENCLOSED
4563	03/03/2022	\$0.00	03/03/2022	Due on receipt	

ACTIVITY	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
Asbestos:Asbestos Abatement 10% balance final payment	1	13,077.50	13,077.50
	BALANCE DUE		13,077.50 \$0.00

EXHIBIT D

BUCHWALD CAPITAL ADVISORS LLC

200 PARK AVENUE
SUITE 1700
NEW YORK, NY 10166-0005
Lbuchwald@buchwaldcapital.com
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LEE E. BUCHWALD PRESIDENT Tel: (212) 970-1040 Fax: (212) 656-1578

Amended and restated as of: July 1, 2021

286 Rider Ave Acquisition LLC 123 5th Avenue 4th Floor New York, NY 10003 Attention: Mr. Ben Harley

Dear Mr. Harley:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm the understanding and agreement (the "Agreement") with 286 Rider Ave Acquisition LLC (the "Company"), concerning the engagement of Lee E. Buchwald ("LEB"), President of Buchwald Capital Advisors LLC ("BCA") as the Manager and the Company's agreement to pay BCA certain compensation and out-of-pocket expenses as set forth herein.

- Engagement: LEB is being retained to be the Manager of the Company for the purpose of filing a
 Chapter 11 petition for the Company, managing the Company during the bankruptcy case, and
 overseeing the bankruptcy case as the Company's sole authorized representative. In the exercise of his
 duties, LEB shall at all times act in a fiduciary capacity and exercise appropriate fiduciary duties that
 are in the best interests of the estate and all of its stakeholders in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code
 and the applicable law of the State of New York.
- 2. Term of Agreement: This Agreement shall commence as of the date hereof and continue until the entry of a Final Decree in the Chapter 11 case to be commenced for the Company, unless terminated earlier by either party upon 30 days prior written notice of termination to the other party. Upon any termination, the provisions of Paragraph 3 (to the extent applicable) shall survive the termination of this Agreement to the extent such provisions relate to the payment of fees and expenses due on or before the effective date of termination (in the event of any termination which is other than on the first of the month, the pro rata portion of the monthly fees referred to in Paragraph 3(a) for the month of termination shall be deemed to be due on the effective date of termination) and expenses incurred on or before the effective date of termination and the provisions of Paragraphs 5, 6, 7 and 8, shall survive the termination of this Agreement and shall remain in effect.

3. Fees and Expenses:

(a) <u>Fee</u>: The Company shall pay BCA a fee of \$550 per hour for LEB's performance of his duties for the term of the engagement and due monthly upon presentation of an invoice detailing the services performed. Such fee shall be subject to amendment by the Company and LEB by mutual written agreement.

(b) Expense Reimbursement: BCA shall be entitled to monthly reimbursement of reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with the services to be provided under this Agreement. Fees plus reimbursement of reasonable out-of-pocket expenses as billed are due upon the first of each month to BCA at the address listed above.

Out-of-pocket expenses shall include, but not be limited to, computer and research charges, attorney fees (only with the Company's prior consent) and courier, messenger and postage expenses.

- 4. Company Information: The Company recognizes and confirms that in rendering services hereunder, LEB will be using and relying on, and assuming the accuracy of, without any independent verification, data, material and other information (collectively, the "Information") furnished to LEB by or on behalf of the Company or other third parties (including their agents, counsel, employees and representatives). The Company understands that LEB will not be responsible for independently verifying the accuracy of the Information provided to LEB and shall not be liable for inaccuracies in any such Information. Unless required by subpoena or other valid legal process, and prior written notice is provided to the Company so that the Company may challenge such disclosure, LEB will not disclose to any third party (other than his counsel) any portion of the information so provided by the Company which constitutes confidential, proprietary or trade secret information except in furtherance of the engagement hereunder. BCA will not use such confidential information for any purpose other than pursuant to the engagement hereunder.
- 5. <u>Indemnification and Liability Coverage:</u> The Company shall provide indemnification and other obligations set forth in Schedule I hereto, which is an integral part hereof and is hereby incorporated by reference. Furthermore, the Company shall provide LEB and BCA with professional liability or directors' and officer's insurance coverage in the amount of \$2 million for twelve months. Such insurance policy shall remain in force for the duration of the bankruptcy and shall continue to stay inforce until six months after the entry of the Final Decree.
- 6. <u>Entire Agreement</u>: This Agreement represents the entire Agreement between the parties and may not be modified except in writing signed by both parties. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision.
- 7. <u>Affiliation</u>: No one other than the Company is authorized to rely upon the engagement of LEB hereunder or any statements, advice, opinions or conduct of LEB.
- 8. <u>Arbitration</u>: This Agreement will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York applicable to agreements made and to be performed entirely in such state. Each of the parties hereto agrees to submit any claim or dispute arising out of or related to this Agreement to private and confidential arbitration by a single arbitrator selected in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association. The arbitration proceedings shall be governed by the Commercial

Rules of Arbitration of the American Arbitration Association and shall take place in the Borough of Manhattan, New York City, New York. The arbitrator shall have the power to order discovery and the authority to award any remedy or relief that a court of the State of New York could order or grant, including without limitation specific performance. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding on each of the parties and judgment thereon may be entered in any court having jurisdiction. This arbitration procedure is intended to be the exclusive method of resolving any claim arising out of or related to this Agreement, including any claim as to the validity of this Agreement. Each party agrees to the personal and subject matter jurisdiction of such arbitration for the resolution of any such claim, including any issue relating to this arbitration provision. In the event of any arbitration arising out of or in connection with this Agreement, the prevailing party in such action shall be entitled to an award of actual attorneys' fees and costs incurred in connection with the arbitration.

9. Other Matters: If this letter correctly sets forth our Agreement on the matters covered herein, please so indicate by signing and returning the enclosed copy of this letter and signing and retaining the duplicate which is enclosed for your records. Upon execution by both parties, this letter will constitute a legally binding Agreement between Company and LEB.

Lee E. Buchward

President of Buchwald Capital Advisors LLC

286 Rider Ave Acquisition LLC

By:

Ben Harley

Its:

Schedule I

This Schedule I is a part of and is incorporated into that certain letter agreement (the "<u>Agreement</u>"), dated July 1, 2021, by and between 286 Rider Ave Acquisition LLC (the "<u>Company</u>"), Lee E. Buchwald ("<u>LEB</u>") and Buchwald Capital Advisors LLC (together, "<u>BCA</u>"). Capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the same meaning assigned in the Agreement.

The Company shall indemnify and hold harmless BCA and its affiliates and their respective directors, officers, employees, attorneys and other agents appointed by any of the foregoing and each other person, if any, controlling BCA or any of its affiliates (BCA and each such person and entity being referred to as an "Indemnified Person"), from and against any finally determined losses, claims, damages, judgments, assessments, costs and other liabilities (collectively, "Liabilities"), and will reimburse each Indemnified Person for all fees and expenses (including the reasonable fees and expenses of counsel) (collectively, "Expenses") as they are incurred in investigating, preparing, pursuing or defending any claim, action, proceeding or investigation, whether or not in connection with pending or threatened litigation and whether or not any Indemnified Person is a party (collectively, "Actions"), arising out of or in connection with advice or services rendered or to be rendered by an Indemnified Person pursuant to the Agreement, the transaction contemplated thereby or any Indemnified Persons' actions or inactions in connection with any such advice, services or transaction (the "Services"); provided that the Company will not be responsible for any Liabilities or Expenses of any Indemnified Person that are determined by a judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, which judgment is no longer subject to appeal or further review, to have resulted from such Indemnified Person's negligence in connection with any of the advice, actions, inactions or services referred to above. The Company shall also reimburse such Indemnified Person for all Expenses as they are incurred in connection with enforcing such Indemnified Persons' rights under the Agreement (including without limitation its rights under this Schedule I). Such Indemnified Person shall reasonably cooperate with the defense of any Actions.

Upon receipt by an Indemnified Person of actual notice of an Action against such Indemnified Person with respect to which indemnity may be sought under the Agreement, such Indemnified Person shall promptly notify the Company in writing; provided that failure to so notify the Company shall not relieve the Company from any liability which the Company or any other person may have on account of this indemnity or otherwise, except to the extent the Company shall have been materially prejudiced by such failure. The Company shall, upon receipt of notice, assume the defense of any such Action including the employment of counsel reasonably satisfactory to BCA. Any Indemnified Person shall have the right to employ separate counsel in any Action and participate in the defense thereof, but the fees and expenses of such counsel shall be at the expense of such Indemnified Person, unless: (i) the Company has failed promptly to assume the defense and employ counsel or (ii) the named parties to any such Action (including any impleaded parties) include such Indemnified Person and the Company, and such Indemnified Person shall have been advised by counsel that there may be one or more legal defenses available to it which are different from or in addition to those available to the Company; provided that the Company shall not in such event be responsible hereunder for the fees and expenses of more than one separate counsel in connection with any Action in the same jurisdiction, in addition to any local counsel. The Company shall not be liable for any settlement of any Action effected without its written consent (which shall not be unreasonably withheld). In addition, the Company will not, without prior written consent of BCA (which

shall not be unreasonably withheld), settle, compromise or consent to the entry of any judgment in or otherwise seek to terminate any pending or threatened Action in respect of which indemnification or contribution may be sought hereunder (whether or not any Indemnified Person is a party thereto) unless such settlement, compromise, consent or termination includes an unconditional release of such Indemnified Person from all liabilities arising out of such Action.

In the event that the foregoing indemnity is not available to an Indemnified Person in accordance with the Agreement pursuant to the requirements of applicable law, the Company shall contribute to the Liabilities and Expenses paid or payable by such Indemnified Person in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect (i) the relative benefits to the Company, on the one hand, and to BCA, on the other hand, of the matters contemplated by the Agreement, or (ii) if the allocation provided by the immediately preceding clause is not permitted by the applicable law, not only such relative benefits but also the relative fault of the Company, on the one hand, and BCA, on the other hand, in connection with the matters as to which such Liabilities or Expenses relate, as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. For purposes of this paragraph, the relative benefits to the Company, on the one hand, and to BCA, on the other hand, of the matters contemplated by this Agreement shall be deemed to be in the same proportion as (a) the total value paid or received or contemplated to be paid or received by the Company in the transaction, whether or not any transaction is consummated, bears to (b) the fees paid or payable to BCA under the Agreement.

These indemnification, contribution and other provisions of this Schedule I shall (i) remain operative and in full force and effect regardless of any termination of the Agreement or completion of the engagement by LEB; (ii) inure to the benefit of any successors, assigns, heirs or personal representative of any Indemnified Person; and (iii) be in addition to any other rights that any Indemnified Person may have.